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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of:)
HABERMANN et al.) Group Art Unit: 1653
Application No.: 09/664,326) Examiner: H. Schnizer
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REPLY BRIEF

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.193, Appellants submit this Reply Brief to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed January 26, 2004.

I. Status of the Rejections

In response to the Appeal Brief filed October 24, 2003, claims 6-9 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Achstetter et al., 110 GENE 25-31 (1992), ("Achstetter") in view of EP 0 448 093 (for which U.S. Patent No. 5,919,895 is the English language counterpart) to Schmid et al. ("Schmid").

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